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Sir:

I, R.K.Gupta, Head, T.P.M.D., CSIR hereby declare that:

1. The COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, having a place of business at Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110,001, INDIA, is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in the above identified application, Serial No. 10/735,437, and also in U.S. Patent No 6,548,086.
2. I am an official of the COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH and have authority to act on its behalf.
3. I am making this declaration in support of the above-identified patent application.
4. The above-identified application to: Ghulam Nabi Qazi; Bupinder Singh Juggi; Bal Krishan Chandan; Krishnan Avatar Suri; Naresh Kumar Satti; Rakesh Maurya; Lila Ram Manhas; Ashwani Kumar; and Bal Krishnan Kapahi claims compositions comprising extracts of the plant *Cryptolepis buchanani* and/or fractions of the extract, a method of producing the composition, and a method of treating a subject using the composition.
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,548,086 to Rakesh Maurya; Anupama Kaul; Sarang Bani; Usha Zutshi; Anamika Khajuria; Ajit Kurnar Saxena; Lila Ram Manhas; Ashwani Kumar; Bal Krishnan Kapahi; Om Parkash Suri; and Gulam Nabi Qazi claims a method of treating immunodeficiency

in human beings using plant *Cryptolepis buchanani* extract or a composition comprising the plant extract.

6. Based on information and belief, the inventive entity of the above-identified patent application, identified in paragraph 4 above, disclosed but did not claim in U.S. Patent No. 6,548,086 the invention disclosed and claimed in the instant application, i.e., compositions, methods of producing the composition, and methods of treating a subject with the composition (hereinafter "the invention").

7. Based on the information and belief, the invention disclosed, but not claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,548,086, is the invention of the inventors of the instant application (USSN: 10/735,437), and is thus not the invention of the inventive entity identified in paragraph 5 above.

8. Based on the information and belief, the invention described and claimed in the above-identified patent application, and disclosed but not claimed in the '086 patent, at the time the invention was made, was owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

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